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# **DATE 5/19/2017**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **UPDATE Five Arrested in Eastside Murder**

Date & Time: Sunday, May 07, 2017 @ 1:39 a.m.

Location: 1501 Lomaland

Victim: 23-year old Tyler Kaden Croke, of El Paso, TX (**DECEASED**)

Arrested 1: 21-year old Tristan CHILTON of Socorro, TX

Arrested 2: 28-year old Stephanie FERNANDEZ of Socorro, TX
Arrested 3: 27-year old Brandon OLSEN of Las Cruces, NM
Arrested 4: 20-year old Zachary JOHNSTON of Ft. Bliss, TX
Arrested 5: 19-year old Adam ACOSTA of Ft. Bliss, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department's Crimes Against Persons (CAP) unit has arrested and charged five individuals in the May 7<sup>th</sup> murder of Tyler Croke. Investigators identified that 21-year old Tristan CHILTON, 28-year old Stephanie FERNANDEZ, 27-year old Brandon OLSEN, 20-year old Zachary JOHNSTON, and 19-year old Adam ACOSTA worked together to kill Tyler Croke. Croke died of stab wounds to his neck. CHILTON (Bond \$1,000,000.00), OLSEN (Bond \$1,500,000.00), JOHNSTON (Bond \$1,250,000.00), and ACOSTA (Bond \$1,000,000.00), were charged with Capital Murder and FERNANDEZ is charged with Capital Murder, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cocaine, and four outstanding traffic warrants. Her bonds total \$1,026, 048.00. CHILTON, OLSEN, and FERNANDEZ were booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. JOHNSTON and ACOSTA were located in Las Cruces, NM and have been arrested by Las Cruces P.D., on the Capital Murder charges and are awaiting extradition. All mug shots will be released as soon as the investigation reaches a point that their release will not hinder this investigation. This investigation continues.

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## History 05/17/2017

El Paso, TX. -The El Paso Police Department's Crimes Against Persons (CAP) unit has identified the victim in El Paso's, May 7<sup>th</sup> Murder that occurred at 1501 Lomaland. The victim has been identified as 23-year old Tyler Kaden Croke. CAP continues their investigation.

### History 05/07/2017

El Paso, TX. -Officers of the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional Command Center responded to the 1501 Lomaland on an unknown problem just before 2:00 a.m., Sunday, May 7, 2017. Officers found a male (Victim) at an apartment, inside the complex, without signs of life. Crimes Against Persons (CAP) was called to assist with the investigation. Their preliminary investigation has revealed that an altercation occurred inside an apartment where the victim was found. CAP is investigating this as El Paso's 12<sup>th</sup> Murder of 2017. Anyone with information regarding the circumstances of this case is asked to call the El Paso Police Department at (915) 832-4400 or to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at (915) 566-TIPS (8477). Investigation continues.

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